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Chief James E. Craig and the Detroit Police Department (DPD) are proud to report the 1st Quarter of 2014 crime statistics for the city of Detroit. It is important to note that these statistics are the direct result of the dedication and the relentless work ethic of the members of your DPD. At the conclusion of 2013, which saw a marked drop in crime compared to 2012, the DPD set a lofty goal for 2014 of a 10% reduction in overall crime. As you can see by the chart listed below, we are well on our way to achieving that goal.

Since the DPD began recording homicides on a monthly basis in 2001, January and March of 2014, brought us the lowest statistics of homicides recorded in any particular month. In January there were 14 homicides and 10 in March. Additionally, the 2nd Precinct recorded the highest number of Homicides in 2013, yet currently, due to proactive data driven enforcement, there has not been a homicide committed within the 2nd Precinct this year.

PROPERTY CRIMES	YTD Comps			
<i>Crime Type</i>	<i>YTD</i>	<i>Last YTD</i>	<i>% chg</i>	
BURGLARY	2,286	3,230	-29%▼	-944
LARCENY	3,013	3,895	-23%▼	-882
STOLEN VEHICLE	2,107	3,112	-32%▼	-1005
TOTAL PROPERTY OFFENSES	7,406	10,237	-28%▼	-2831



VIOLENT CRIMES	YTD Comps			
<i>Crime Type</i>	<i>YTD</i>	<i>Last YTD</i>	<i>% chg</i>	
HOMICIDE	45	68	-34%▼	-23
SEXUAL ASSAULT	143	199	-28%▼	-56
*ROBBERY	838	1,191	-30%▼	-353
**AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	1,674	1,718	-3%▼	-44
TOTAL VIOLENT OFFENSES	2,700	3,176	-15%▼	-476
TOTAL PART I OFFENSES	10,106	13,413	25%▼	-3307

* Includes Carjacking, Robbery of a Citizen, Robbery of a Business, Robbery Not Armed

**Includes Non Fatal Shootings

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These statistics by no means show that this department has succeeded in achieving its goal of making Detroit one of the safest cities in the country, but it does illustrate the commitment and resolve of the members of this great department, as well as the devotion of its leadership to ensure the betterment of this city.

We will continuously strive towards achieving our goals and to working with our community to ensure that we have safest neighborhoods possible for the citizens who live, work and play in the city of Detroit.

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